

WEEK 11, TERM 1, 2024

Murupara Area School

Newsletter



Kia ora e te whānau,

We have come to the end of the term and we want to thank all our parents for their continued support and co-operation. We appreciate all our staff for working so hard on our students academic achievements and for taking such great care of our students pastoral needs.

Just a reminder please whanau that we have had problems trying to contact home. Usually, its because one of your tamariki are sick or there may be a problem that requires your urgent attention. Can you please send your phone and email details to Whaea Lydia so she can update contact details.

Next term promises to be a very busy term for our taura. Our Year 10 students and some Year 11 students will sit the new co-requisite exam for Literacy and Numeracy. These new standards are now required for our taura to pass NCEA. We have been busy practicing for the new exams because one of our new mottos is "*Practice makes Progress*" and as we all know practice means learning, refining and applying. Sometimes it also means learning to achieve which is why our motto "*Practice makes Progress*" is essential.

Lastly I wish all our taura and whanau a safe and happy holiday break. We look forward to seeing you all in Term 2 beginning Monday 29 th April.

Nāku noa nā
Kura Hingston
Principal

IMPORTANT INFO

Thu 25 April—ANZAC Day

Mon 29 April—Term 2 begins

Tue 14 May—PPTA Hui

Mon 6 May—Basic Leaders Course

Tue 7 May—Fell Cup

Thu 9 May—Painoaiho Noho

Wed 15 May—Careers Expo

If you would like to receive your newsletter via email please contact our school office with your current email.

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Please contact us with any enquiries and if your child will be absent.

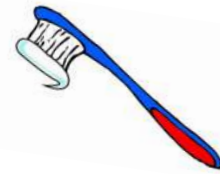
Mobile Dental Clinic

The mobile dental unit will be onsite at Murupara Area School from Tuesday 2nd April to Friday 10th May 2024

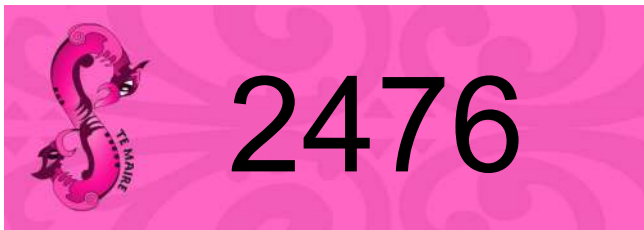
Our dental team will be seeing the most overdue tamariki during this visit (seen last in early 2022)

Our dental team will make contact with whanau before their Tamariki visit the dental clinic, Thank you to those who have answered phonecalls/ texts or returned calls promptly. If your Tamariki has dental pain please phone 0800 TALKTEETH to find your nearest open clinic.

Current service demands and delays weigh heavily on our teams and your kindness and support is appreciated



Whānau House Points



Our current Whānau House points tally for term 1. This term we had Athletics, swimming sports, house chants at the noho marae, interhouse basketball competition and students can also gain points by exemplifying our Uara. We look forward to Term 2!

NĪOREORE PĀNUI

Nīoreore and Karangaranga

Kai ngā tini aitua o te wā, otira kai ngā taonga o te mate o
Ngāti Manawa tonu, haere, haere, haere atu ra.

Hoki mai ki a tātau te hunga ora tēnā tātau katoa. Mauri ora e te whānau!

How full on has our first term been for us here in Nīoreore and Karangaranga. We have welcomed in almost 20 new students, who have just fit in like they were always here. We had our first noho marae for the year at Tipapa and learned the pūrakau of Te Hekenga a Tangiharuru. Our kaupapa ako has been focused around Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the importance this document holds for us.

This has been followed by lots of rich discussions and learning based around ANZAC and the history of our koroua and kuia who have been a part of any of the NZ armed forces. We have had some of our students take part in the PETRA Club and the Tu Taniwha programmes which they have really enjoyed. We also had the Life Education Truck here which our tamariki always love to participate in. We have had lots of other things going on in our school so it is timely that the school holidays are near, so our students can rest their tinana and hinengaro in preparation for Term 2.



We would like to thank you all for supporting our Nīoreore and Karangaranga staff and your tamaiti this term, as working together (mahitahi) will only strengthen what we already have. Nō reira whānau please remember that we have a uniform at school that must be adhered to. During this term we have almost eliminated mufti clothes and the students are looking smart in their uniforms. There will be no tolerance of footwear that does not comply, eg NO gumboots, NO crocs, NO scuffs or other coloured sports shoes. Only black shoes are part of our uniform. Kids Can Shoes and Jackets will be available for those who need them. Kia kaha ra tātou.

Enjoy your tamariki over the holidays and we will see you back at school in Term 2.



Naku na

Whaea Miriama Iti-White

NĪOREORE PĀNUI

School Lunches

We are lucky to be part of the school lunch programme and all students are offered these lunches each day. If you are sending a lunchbox to school with your child please ensure that it has largely healthy content. A sandwich is appreciated by most children but chips, oreo biscuits, twisties, jellies, lollies, party type food is not in the healthy range and unfortunately most of the 'bought' lunches comprise of nothing of any nutritional value. We are a health promoting school and to keep this classification we must ensure that our students have as little 'sugar' content as possible. Our school lunches are designed by nutritionists and with encouragement the students learn to eat healthy. We have daily fruit available and breakfast of milk and weetbix and at times other food supplied to us on this programme by Kids Can - it would be a shame to lose this.

Thank You!

Huge thanks from all our Nioreore staff for the way whanau responded to our Easter Egg fundraiser. Amazing! Whaea Audrey showed her skills in organisation in getting this together and we so appreciate it as classroom teachers have little time to get all this type of activity done.

Our students are all settled well and making progress. Kingi has integrated into our class and we value him and his teacher Whaea Shirley-Ann. No longer shy he is showing us his processing ability and wow he knows lots of things.

Book Bags

Please make sure that the students bring their book bags back every day. Whaea Suz is very pleased with the great story writing being done in class and the reading program is running smoothly. Again please make sure the children bring their book bags to school each day.

Whaea Jo is pleased with the progress being made in all areas of learning but would ask parents to please help the children with any homework that they bring home - at this level they will need support from both home and school with their mahi.

ANZAC

Whaea Marie Te Pairi who is teaching Matua Truby's class has been studying hard maths and they are doing so well, she is very pleased with them. Also they have learned lots about ANZAC and the meaning behind this day - please ask them about this and discuss any whanau connection you may have to this day. She is sending a pamphlet with ANZAC activities you can do with them.

We all wish Matua Truby all the best for his recovery from his back injury and miss his support in our Hub. We are so grateful to have Whaea Marie working with his class and helping us daily with the learning of our Ngati Manawa waiata and tikanga.

KĀRANGARANGA PĀNUI

Karaoke Fun

Over the last few weeks, the Year 5 & 6 students have been exploring the world of Karaoke, and WHAT AN EXPERIENCE it has been! We definitely have some talented tamariki in our midst. From renditions of 'Count on Me' from Bruno Mars, to 'Pig Hunting' by Hori Shaw and even 'Tutira mai' – we've heard it all.

As the weeks have gone by, it's been extremely pleasing to see their confidence grow. Our very shy tamaiti are slowly but surely joining in, with encouragement from their peers and staff. Tamariki are developing an appreciation of music (pitch, tone etc) and recognise when a performance is a quality performance.

Practising being a good audience is still one of our priorities and something the students are repeatedly reminded about....BUT, we are slowly improving – aren't we Ms Tawhara!

It is our hope that the students will be able to perform in front of an audience, within the near future. At the moment, they are enjoying singing and listening to each other.



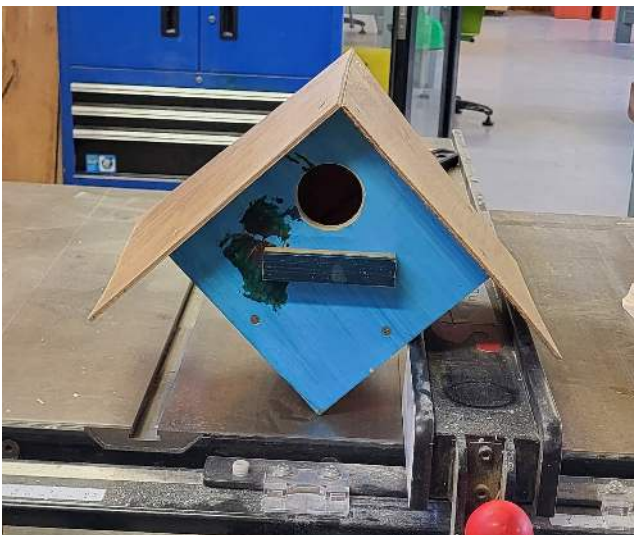
Petra Club & Tu Taniwha

The past 6 weeks the year 7 & 8 students have participated in a programme wrapped around helping them overcome certain situations and building resiliency skills through activities. Both the Petra Club facilitated by Matua Luke and the Tu Taniwha sessions facilitated by Matua Hone have built their programmes around Te Whare Tapa Wha, which we here at MAS have adopted within our school over the past few years. The kids have definitely learnt a lot and hopefully can support each other and themselves when faced with challenges. Ngā mihi Matua Luke and Matua Hone!



RANGIPŌ PĀNUI

Student work from Hard Materials



RANGIPŌ PĀNUI

From the Art Room

What a fabulous term it has been in the art room. The Year 7 and 8's are delightful; completing the 'Reptile Ripples' unit, exploring the art work of Michael Tuffery and Maori and Aboriginal pattern, completing their assignment with an acrylic painting using warm coloured patterned textured background and a cold coloured reptile in the foreground. For the final two weeks of term we are working with clay, moulding pots. When they are dry, near the end of term two we hope to do a rakau firing in the ground to cure them. I haven't done this for twenty years so if anyone in the community can help with the process please let me know; your help will be appreciated.



The Year 9/10s have been working with a similar theme but their exploration work focussed more on interior pattern of the meeting house at Tipapa Marae and of course, the magnificent landscape of the Te Ika Whenua Range visible from Kopuriki Road.



Year 11's are diligently working to complete their first unit of work which reflects two places of cultural significance to them. One of the places was Tipapa Marae, again, the motivation coming from the Marae noho at the start of the term. Interestingly, for the second cultural context some have chosen their room at home, a Marae, dreams they have had and special places meaningful to them from within the outdoors of the rohe. This is the first year teaching and learning the 'new standards' from the curriculum.

Year 12's are using landscape as the context for their work. Some artist models studied are Colin McCahon, Shane Cotton, John Bevan Ford and of course, Maori carvers and painters whose work features in Marae.

Year 13's have a lot of work ahead of them to complete the three panel folio board due in Term Four.



0274585362 if you can please help with the rakau firing. Thank you.

Julena Hickey

SERVICES ACADEMY PĀNUI

Service Academy Term1 Summary

Services Academy - term 1 2024. Wow! What a journey it has been for our taura both from our Murupara Area School and also Huiarau, they've come into it wholeheartedly, right from the get go, with the attitude to do their best and do what it takes to aid in their own growth, in saying that they love the credits associated also.



Our goal was to get everyone through the Waiouru Induction Course which is the most challenging aspect of the Services Academy. We broke down the Induction Course into three key elements, Parade, physical fitness and team building activities. These elements are a solid base to becoming leaders and were also the fundamentals of our teachings throughout term 1. Although they are words on a paper, the challenges that these elements bring pushes our kids well and truly outside of their comfort zones, which is a testament to their aroha, whanaungatanga, kaitiakitanga, perseverance, commitment, resilience and their respect for not only each other but all academies/staff present. Throughout Induction everyone had what I call “minties moments” or personal challenges caused by the pressure or nature of the military environment. A lot of individual self-reflection was addressed and mentored by myself, as to what was the purpose of each individual being at induction. After taking time to chill, reflect, reassess and reset, each and every student humbled themselves and found it within themselves to get back up and carry on. Because its not about what's happened to make us feel down or annoyed but how we each individually find the strength to get back up and carry on stronger and better than before as a test and the trial and tribulations are a true method of building character and resilience.

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On completion of induction through all that the team had been through they were rewarded with

- 1st place in the longest day which is a 12hour endurance challenge that tests academies physically, mentally and defines how well a team works together.
- 2nd place in the assault course which tests team work in a timely manner
- 3rd place in drill.



SERVICES ACADEMY PĀNUI

Looking forward to term 2 we have bush craft and basic leaders which is a leadership development course for five of our students selected from the start of the year through induction that have been displaying qualities of leadership.




So I'd like to congratulate Brooklyn Taylor, Candice Nicholls, Te Whaitaua Howden, Marunui Poumako and Hokimoana Rurehe-Tawa for being selected for the Basic Leaders heading to RNZAF Base Ohakea on the 05.05.2024.

Thanks to all - Mauri Ora

Matua Tipene

Service Academy Director





ANZAC DAY FALLS IN THE
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS, OUR
TAUIRA HAVE BEEN
LEARNING ABOUT ANZAC
AND THEIR WHĀNAU WHO
SERVED. SO THIS MAY BE A
GOOD TIME TO REFLECT
WITH YOUR TAMARIKI
AROUND THIS KAUPAPA.
YOU MAY ALSO LIKE TO
ATTEND THE DAWN
SERVICE THAT IS HELD AT
TIPAPA MARAE.

5.30AM ASSEMBLE
6.00AM MEMORIAL

25 APRIL
ANZAC DAY

Prizes up
for grabs!



Have you got what it takes to hunt down
the 'Most Wanted' invasive pests, threats
and diseases to protect the Bay of Plenty?

5th April - 5th May

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